Remarks

Favorable reconsideration in view of the herewith presented amendment and remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim 2 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form. The Examiner's objection to claim 2 has been remedied by the present amendment. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claims 6-8 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite.

It is believed that these claims are clear and that the ordinary artisan having the benefit of claims 6-8 and 11 and the supporting disclosure would be apprised of the scope and content of these claims. Additionally, while applicants do not believe that any amendment is required, claim 1 has been amended to ensure that the lower alkyl glycol ethers and defined over the polyalkylene glycol ethers.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claims 1-13 are rejected for double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,630,428 to Furman et al. The Examiner's double patenting rejection is believed to be overcome with the filing of the enclosed terminal disclaimer.

Claims 1-6 and 9-13 are rejected under 25 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,877,133 to Good.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

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Initially, applicants stress that Good is not prior art to the present application even if the earliest parent teaches 1-20% by weight of lower alkyl glycol ether. The earliest parent discloses at least as much as can be supported by the Good patent disclosure based on the Examiner's own reasoning. Additionally, it might be noted that the various choices of amounts for the fatty ester and lower alkyl glycol ether made by the Examiner as neither taught nor suggested by Good. The ranges alleged to be obvious by the Examiner are reachable only by the improper use of hindsight by the Examiner.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

It is believed that all of the present claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw all of the rejections made in the Official Action. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

AUTHORIZATION

If the Examiner believes that issues may be resolved by telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned at (212) 801-2146. The undersigned may also be contacted by e-mail at ecr@gtlaw.com.

No additional fee is believed to be necessary. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1561.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-1561.

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Respectfully submitted,